

COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 13, 1997
MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS: Chairman Ron Moore, Bob Ball, Wayne Bates, Larry Fowler, Betsy Hudson, Dave Ballard, Jim Nelson, Steve Dooley, and Capt. Richard Yetter

GUESTS: Dave King, Larry Curran, Charles Robb, Rick Stephens, Mike Clark, John O'Bryan, Daryoush Marefat, John Witt, Nofflet Williams, Mike Dunn, Doug Dowdy, L. D. Montgomery, Ray Perry, Mike Hayden and Linda Kubala

STAFF: Doug Robinson; Executive Director of KIRM and Jessamine Saufley

Chairman Ron Moore called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the Department for Libraries and Archives. The minutes of the May 16, 1997, meeting were amended as noted by Dave Ballard in regard to the Kentucky Information Highway (KIH) contract to denote schools and hospitals as "nonprofit" instead of "non-private". The amended minutes were approved unanimously.

Chairman Moore asked the Work Group Chairs to provide the Council members with updates:

Dave Ballard reported for the Wireless Workgroup and directed members to review the handout on 800 MHz in the meeting materials. Doug added that 800 MHz received a "high value" ranking during Finance and Administration Cabinet's plan review for 1998-2000. Jim Nelson, Steve Dooley and Doug recently met with Capital Planning Advisory Board in regard to the 800 MHz.

Dave Ballard directed members to copies of legislation "House Bill 5" that was enacted and enforced during the recent 1997 extraordinary session. House Bill 5 reflects a change to the Kentucky Information Highway contract which states that "In addition nonprofit schools providing elementary or secondary education and nonprofit health care organizations shall be allowed to have access and use the contract on the same terms as agencies of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. "Nonprofit schools" and "nonprofit health care organizations" mean those schools and health care organizations which have been granted tax-exempt status under the United States Internal Revenue Code. KIH providers will inform their customer base of change. Dave added that he is working on an advice of change for adding service for fractional T1 and frame relay rates to the KIH contract.

Mike Clark reporting on behalf of Kentucky TeleLinking Network (KTLN) said the Stars School grant has been submitted to the U. S. Department of Education. Mike recently was in Washington visiting with the US Department of Education. He discussed the probability of KTLN winning the grant which will provide two million per year with a percentage match by the Commonwealth to KTLN for the next five years. The funds should be available in July and the plans are to allocate for network redesign, scheduling, additional staff to support an intranet, temporary T1 lines and mini grant awards.

Jim Nelson provided the members with a brief legislative update and added that July 11 is the deadline for filing testimony in response to the recent FCC Universal Service Order 97-157 addressing telecommunications.

Chairman Moore asked Doug to present the EMPOWER Kentucky update. Doug directed members to review the EMPOWER brochure published by Deloitte and Touche. The Information Technology Strategic Planning Team has released the draft of the final document for comments by June 26 and approval by the Kentucky Information Resources Management Commission (KIRM) during the July meeting. The final document will be released after June 30. The Architecture and Standards Team is preparing a draft document. Doug added that it is important to get the Commonwealth's agencies involved with this process. Doug encouraged members to visit the EMPOWER website.

Doug reported on recent KIRM activities, discussed with the Council members the Information Resource Plans review process and update on the work group schedule of upcoming meetings. Doug explained the process through the end of June and added that the smaller agencies not having capital items will be reviewed in the late summer and early fall. Doug added that he and Shirley Rodgers had recently conducted an IRP workshop for the Education, Arts and Humanities Cabinet. Doug encouraged members to use KIRM's Internet website and intranet site which currently are updated daily during plan review. Next Doug updated members in reference to the KIRM 1997 Research and Development proposals for consideration for the grant award and reported that the R&D committee has held several meetings to determine preliminary rankings. The KIRM Commission will vote on the finalists in late June.

Dave Ballard updated members as to the status of ATM. He stated he has received a pricing proposal from the KIH providers and the advice of change is not complete due to the special session. The proposal does include price, timeframe and quantity of locations. He suggested that everyone needs to wait and see in regard to Higher Education and technical schools. Dave would like an endorsement for the Council to move forward with ATM. He added that the final ATM proposal is not ready to be released. Dave will move forward with the advice of change. Members discussed the virtual university and the need of ATM. A motion was made to negotiate rates as soon as possible and move forward with ATM, the motion passed and the record reflects Dave Ballard and Wayne Bates abstained from voting on the ATM issue.

Chairman Moore called for the next agenda item. Chairman Moore explained that the CAC by-laws provide for the Chairman of the Council to serve a two year term with the Vice Chairman having the option to succeed. Chairman Moore announced that David Couch will succeed as Chairman effective at the end of meeting and the Nominating Committee submitted Dave Ballard for Vice Chairman. Chairman Moore asked the members if there were additional nominations from the floor. The motion was made that nominations cease and seconded. Chairman Moore congratulated David Couch as Chairman and Dave Ballard as Vice Chairman. Steve Dooley commended Ron Moore for his leadership during Chairman Moore's two year term. Doug thanked Dave King for his efforts in providing support to the Council. Dave Ballard commended Chairman Moore on his cooperation with state government and Jim Nelson added gratitude for Chairman Moore's cooperation with University leadership.

Chairman Moore asked if any of the members had any new business. Bob Ball added that the Video Committees needs to reorganize to discuss digital television issues in the near future. The next Communications Advisory Council meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m., on Friday, July 11, 1997, in the Department for Libraries and Archives Activities Room. Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.